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## Additional Perfin Uses

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In 1934 the regular U.S. wine stamps were overprinted "RECTIFIED/SPIRITS" for use in Puerto Rico. Rectified spirits have been redistilled for purity and/or concentration.

Shown on page 86 is a Puerto Rican revenue, this is the 2¢ green, rouletted 7, offset printing with watermark 191R (*Scott Catalog* number RE9). It is not a common stamp, listing for \$12.50. It is probably even rarer perfined.

The perfin reads "ERTO R" or Puerto Rico, but the name cannot fit on one stamp. Other colorful rectified spirit stamps were made for this island.



Also shown are a 5¢ orange and a 72¢ blue (Puerto Rico RE38 and 48). The 72¢ perfin reads "O RICO" like the 2¢ green while the 5¢ reads "DISTILLI" from Distilled or a similar word.

In addition to the Puerto Rican I have shown three perfinned stamps from the Series of 1942-44 Wine Stamps. These stamps are inscribed "Series of 1941". The most expensive of these three stamps catalogs for a few dollars. Perfin crosses seem to indicate "0" in dates.

They are:

1. RE117, 5¢ green with value in black, punched "+9.15.44", company initials not readable as they are partly off the stamp.
2. RE135, 36¢ green and black, punched "CBWCo/+4.+3/44.
3. RE158, \$4.80, yellow green and black, punched "+4.10/1944/LNR.